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thought that I had an eye to my future accommodation. As matter of tactics, I should advise that no question ho oakod. the only person who can reduce tho tho Homo sontonco is tary. I do not know if he will, but ho certainly will not hack bo pat up. — Yours faithfully,

24 Grosvenor Gardens, S. W. June 1. [1889],

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Mr. Labouchere's advice was certainly good, and it was followed. That is why the facts have never been disclosed till now.

Little more need be added here. Henry Vizotolly left. long account of his prison experiences which may some day print. He was fairly well treated way, but he writes that after he had left the infirmary (of which he was long an inmate, as tho result neglect in which he was left immediately after his trial) he had great difficulty in obtaining water of the requisite heat for the treatment of his complaint, his (previously occupied by Edmund Yates) being so far from tho kitchens that, as a rule, the water was almost cold by time reached him. His health naturally deteriorated confinement, but he did his best to look at tilings cheerfully, found occupation in planning various literary enterprises, Several friends, notably Edmund Yates, showed

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ness at -this time. Mr. George Moore did his best to ventilate the whole question of the prosecution and Kobort Buchanan wrote an able pamphlet under tho grim title of "On Descending into Hell." Ernest Vizotolly was then

i He had'the usual privileges of a first-class misdemeanant, His food WAS sent him from outside, he had some books and poriodicals at bis disposal, and a few articles of furniture were sent from his home,